

Having just learned of the FCC's decision to relax media ownership rules, I am writing to complain. These changes will hurt everyone. It will water down our already rather censored news; it will hurt independent newspapers and media channels that are not bought up by major monopolies, rendering them virtually unable to compete in the marketplace; it will stifle the diversity of opinions that we supposedly value in this country; and it will create bloated, powerful countries that will co-opt all independent speech and thought to give a censored, corporate-friendly, ratings-aimed version of the news. These changes will very seriously hurt the United States and all groups who want to be heard and all independent people who want to make a living at writing or try to break into the media business.

The only ones who will not be hurt, in fact, are the big corporations that will benefit from these changes because they can have more assets and more money. This is greed, pure and simple. And shame on the FCC, because you're not fooling anyone. This is political lobbying at its worst. You are all corrupt and you know it. There are far too many monopolies in the media as it is. Companies like Clear Channel should be broken up, and yet here the FCC is creating more monopolies! I urge you to rethink your decisions.